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SUBJECT: MBFR LINK BETWEEN PHASES: ASSURANCES

OF WEST PARTICIPATION IN PHASE TWO

REF: (A) MBFR VIENNA 0020; (B) MBFR VIENNA 4649

1. WE WOULD URGE THAT US NATO BE REQUESTED TO CONTINUE  
OPPOSITION TO CANADIAN TEXT OF ASSURANCE TO EAST IN  
PARAGRAPH 2 OF US NATO 3062.

OUR REASONS ARE:

-. THE FORMULATION IS NOT RESPONSIVE TO THE  
TACTICAL NEGOTIATION SITUATION IN VIENNA, WHICH  
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IS THAT THE EAST HAS REPEATEDLY CHALLENGED

WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN US TO STATE  
THEIR WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE THEIR FORCES.  
WHAT THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION REQUIRES NOW  
IN THIS CONTEXT IS AN INDICATION TO THE  
EAST THAT THESE WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS  
WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE A COMMITMENT  
TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE TWO IN CONNECTION  
WITH A SATISFACTORY PHASE ONE AGREEMENT.

B. TO SAY MORE THAN THIS AT PRESENT WOULD  
UNDERMINE THE DESIRED EFFECT.

C. THE CANADIAN LANGUAGE GETS INTO DETAILS  
OF FORMULATION WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED AT  
A LATER PHASE OF NEGOTIATION.

D. IN PARTICULAR IT RAISES THE ISSUE OF A  
COLLECTIVE FORM OF ASSURANCE TO THE EAST.  
WE SYMPATHIZE WITH THE MOTIVES BEHIND THIS  
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT  
(VIENNA 4649, PARA. 9) THAT IT IS NOT LIKELY  
TO BE FEASIBLE IN LIGHT OF THE REACTION OF  
THE EAST. IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF  
MEMBERS OF SPC HOWEVER THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOW  
TAKEN FORMAL POSITION ON THIS. IN HIS 30 MAY  
PLENARY PRESENTATION, SOVIET REP KHLESTOV  
STATED THAT "THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND FOR THE  
CARRYING OUT OF THE OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED BY  
THEM SHOULD BE BORNE BY SOVEREIGN STATES  
AND NOT BY MILITARY BLOCKS." (VIENNA 0020,  
PARAGRAPH 31)

E. ALTHOUGH LANGUAGE USED WITH EAST NOW  
SHOULD NOT INHIBIT FREEDOM OF ALLIES TO  
MAKE EFFORT FOR COLLECTIVE ASSURANCE DURING  
SUBSEQUENT FORMULATION OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE  
OF ASSURANCES TO THE EAST, KHLESTOV STATE-  
MENT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT TO RAISE ISSUE OF  
COLLECTIVE ASSURANCE AT THIS POINT, DURING  
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INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH EAST, WOULD BE  
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

F. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT, SINCE  
AT THE END OF THE PROCESS, THE ALLIES WILL  
WISH A COMPANION DECLARATION OF SOVIET  
WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE TWO, THE  
SOVIETS WILL HAVE A CONSIDERABLE SAY AS TO

THE FORM AND FORMULATION OF ANY ASSURANCES

GIVEN ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE ALLIES WILL NOT  
HAVE A FREE HAND.

2. US FORMULA CONTINUES THE MOST USEFUL FOR  
ADVANCE IN VIENNA TALKS AT THIS STAGE. AS  
PREVIOUSLY, ALLIES COULD WRITE IN THEIR DESIRES  
FOR SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT OF SUBJECT IN SECTIONS  
NOT INTENDED TO BE GIVEN THE EAST AT THIS TIME  
BUT TO SERVE AS GUIDANCE FOR AD HOC GROUP. RESOR

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